Pascal Rogiest appointed General Manager of Clarence

Luxembourg – June 17th, 2024 – Clarence, the joint venture between LuxConnect and Proximus offering a disconnected sovereign cloud solution, welcomes its new General Manager Pascal Rogiest.

Pascal Rogiest, PhD in electromechanical aerospace engineering, former CEO of LuxTrust, former CCO of RHEA Group, and former VP responsible for mergers and acquisitions at SES, has accepted a new challenge in Digital Trust by taking the helm of Clarence, the first company to offer a truly disconnected sovereign cloud in Europe based on Google Distributed Cloud Airgapped (GDC-AG).

"We are delighted to welcome Pascal Rogiest to Clarence, says Paul Konsbruck, CEO of LuxConnect, his expertise and leadership will undoubtedly strengthen our market position and help us achieve our strategic objectives."

"Clarence is coming at the right time, with the right operational maturity, with the right value-proposition, to meet a growing demand for data sovereignty, stimulated by today's unfortunate geopolitical context, combined with ever-increasing cyber threats and cyber terrorism risks." says Pascal Rogiest. "Clarence represents a unique and cutting-edge bundled solution, leveraging Google's exceptional portfolio of cloud-based applications and LuxConnect's and Proximus Luxembourg's solid expertise in hosting, deploying and managing highly secure data solutions anchored in Luxembourg. I'm honoured to get the opportunity to lead the business development of Clarence in close cooperation with those esteemed teams and their groups.", says the new General Manager of Clarence.

"The acceleration of AI has unlocked new opportunities for our customers to process and analyze data closer to where it is generated. We are enabling a variety of open AI models, including Gemma, Llama and more on Google Disconnected Cloud. Today, we are glad to confirm that all these generative AI search packaged solutions powered by Gemma will be available on the Clarence platform current Q4 2024, and that all implementation and operational steps are on-schedule accordingly." says Gérard Hoffmann, CEO of Proximus Luxembourg. "The arrival of Pascal Rogiest comes timely for addressing now the market opportunities identified for Clarence".

While Clarence will focus on serving critical data infrastructure in the Benelux, it will also address the wider European demand for data sovereignty. Such demand arises for example from European programs in a collective initiative taken by the EU, and by European organizations, to protect the sovereignty of European citizens and institutions and the resilience of European society, in a technology mix which combines cloud with strategic applications.

About Clarence

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Clarence, the joint venture between Proximus Luxembourg (leader in convergent ICT and telecom services) and LuxConnect (a key player in the datacenter sector), offers a unique disconnected sovereign cloud solution to governments, regulated companies, international organizations, and enterprises with sensitive data in Europe. Its main mission is to offer an innovative solution while guaranteeing the confidentiality and security of information and providing total autonomy of operation. www.clarence-cloud.com

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